

**MAY 25, 2025**



*As disciples, we gather to encounter Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament,  
and are sent forth strengthened to be the Body of Christ to the world.*

### **MASS TIMES**

Mondays—Fridays at 8:00 a.m.  
Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
and 6:30 p.m.

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.  
or by appointment

### **ADORATION**

Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m.  
Saturdays, 12:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### **ROSARY**

Monday—Friday: 12:15 p.m.  
in the church

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday:  
8:30 a.m.— 12:15 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

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## **6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you  
everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I  
leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

# Weekly Schedule for May 26-June 1

## Welcome!

*If you are a visitor to St. Joseph's, we sincerely welcome you. Perhaps you live in the neighborhood or nearby area and decided to drop in, or you are visiting from another parish or faith tradition in the Fargo-Moorhead area, or another part of the country. Whatever the case, we are glad you are here to join us in worship of Jesus Christ our Lord. For information about our parish, to register, or to ask a question, please visit [stjoesmhd.com/new-members](http://stjoesmhd.com/new-members).*

**MARRIAGES:** Couples wishing to be married at St. Joseph's should contact one of the priests or deacons at least six months prior to their wedding date. Detailed policies and guidelines for weddings at St. Joseph's can be found on the parish website at [www.stjoesmhd.com/marriage](http://www.stjoesmhd.com/marriage).

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOSPITAL STAYS:** If you are admitted to Sanford, register as a member of St. Joseph's. If you are admitted to Essentia, call the parish office to inform us of your stay.

## Mass Intentions & Readings

**Monday, May 26 St. Philip Neri, Priest**  
*Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a*  
9:00 a.m. + SSgt. Andrew P. Nelson

**Tuesday, May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**  
*Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11*  
8:00 a.m. + Gerald & + Terry Klinkhammer

**Wednesday, May 28**  
*Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15*  
8:00 a.m. + Hellot Maii

**Thursday, May 29 St. Paul VI, Pope**  
*Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20*  
8:00 a.m. Christian Mothers

**Friday, May 30**  
*Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23*  
8:00 a.m. + Robert & + Mary Poitras

**Saturday, May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56*  
5:00 p.m. For The People

**Sunday, June 1 The Ascension of the Lord**  
*Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26*  
*Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6); Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53*  
8:00 a.m. + Blaine Morris  
10:00 a.m. + Catherine Fischer  
6:30 p.m. + Dorothy Huck

## Parish Activities

### Monday, May 26

9:00am - 10:00am Mass—Church  
12:15pm - 12:35pm Rosary—Church  
5:00pm - 6:00pm Cursillo—SLR

### Tuesday, May 27

8:30am - 12:30pm Adoration—Chapel  
12:15pm - 12:35pm Rosary—Church  
6:00pm - 7:00pm Cursillo Group—SLR  
7:00pm - 9:00pm School Advsy Counc—POCR

### Wednesday, May 28

6:30am - 8:00am Cursillo Group—SJN  
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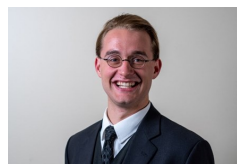
### Sunday, June 1

8:00am - 9:00am Mass—Church  
10:00am - 11:00am Mass—Church  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Mass—Church

## Reach Out to Our Seminarians



Lawrence Wirries  
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Home Parish:  
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Birthday: May 3



## From the Bishop's Desk



**"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)**

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

## Gospel Meditation

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you"** (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

## Serra Ministry

Are you interested in learning more about vocations and supporting the mission of the Serra Club for our diocese? We invite you to connect with us during this upcoming event designed to inspire and bring us together in faith.

**June 9: In-Person Mass, Dinner, & Gathering:** Celebrate faith and community with us at the Pastoral Center in Crookston. This special event will feature **Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Fr. Michael Arey, Director of Vocations for the diocese**, who will celebrate/concelebrate Mass. Following Mass, enjoy dinner and fellowship while deepening your connection to Serra's mission of supporting vocations. This is a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, engage in prayer, and be inspired by the vital work of Serra International.

**Date:** Monday, June 9, 2025, **Location:** Pastoral Center, Crookston **RSVP:** Contact Shawn Erickson, President of Serra for the Diocese of Crookston, at [serickson@stjoesmhd.com](mailto:serickson@stjoesmhd.com) or call (218) 236-5066.

## Everyday Stewardship

**MANAGEMENT ACCORDING TO THE APOSTLES:** If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

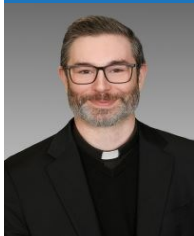
Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea — but it sounds like a conference we could all use.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPI

## Summer Book Club

**ATTENTION READERS:** Summer book discussions will be in June, July and August. We offer groups in the morning, afternoon and evening that will meet at St. Joseph's or in homes. Participants purchase one book and after the discussion at the end of the month, you will pass it on to the next reader. You will receive a letter the end of May to explain the times and rotation. Books will be available in the Parish office. The selections for this year are: **Screwtape Letters** by C. S. Lewis; **A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Tajashi Nagai, Scientist, Convert, and Survivor of the Atomic Bomb** by Fr. Paul Glynn; **My Son Carlo: Carlo Acutis through the Eyes of his Mother** by Antonia Acutis with Paolo Rodari; and **Sister, Soldier, Surgeon: the Life and Courage of Sister Deirdre Byrne, M.D.** by Leisa Marie Carzon, PH.D. If you are interested or have questions call Cathy Bjorklund (218)284-6237 or (218) 790-5401.

## Vocation Corner



**"Whoever loves me will keep my word."** Are you called to bring the word of Christ to his flock?

Talk to Fr. Michael (who's also the Diocese's Vocation Director) at (218) 236-5066 or via email at [marey@crookston.org](mailto:marey@crookston.org). You can also

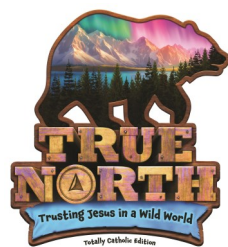
find more information on the Diocese of Crookston website: [www.crookston.org/vocations](http://www.crookston.org/vocations).

## Youth Faith Formation

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CREW LEADERS WANTED!

Plan ahead and put June 9-13 on your calendar. Open to youth grades 6 (Fall 2025) and older. Current 5th graders will be Junior Crew Members. This is a blast of a week and a great way to serve our younger kids. Youth need to commit to helping all five days and be present from 8:00 am. to 12:30 p.m. Sign-Up to be a crew leader online at [www.stjoeshmd.com/eventstrips](http://www.stjoeshmd.com/eventstrips)

## Children's Faith Formation



**SIGN UP FOR VBS!** Vacation Bible School will be June 9-13. Visit [www.stjoeshmd.com](http://www.stjoeshmd.com) to register, and head over to our VBS page (under the 'Faith Formation' header) for sign-ups on donations and volunteer open spots. Thank you!

## St. Joseph's Senior Ministry



ST. JOSEPH'S  
SENIOR MINISTRY



Tour the MSUM  
Christianson Alumni Center  
(Formerly, the MSUM Newman Center)  
1104 7th Ave S, Moorhead, MN 56563

**Thursday, June 12 @ 2:00 P.M.**

This center is a central meeting point to cultivate connections between alumni and current students, encouraging them to come together and exchange experiences. Contact the parish office at 218-233-5066 by June 11th if you plan to participate.

## Practicing Catholic

**MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU:** When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls.

"A massive, high wall," to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety.

Walls meant peace.

"My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. "Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

So what's the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

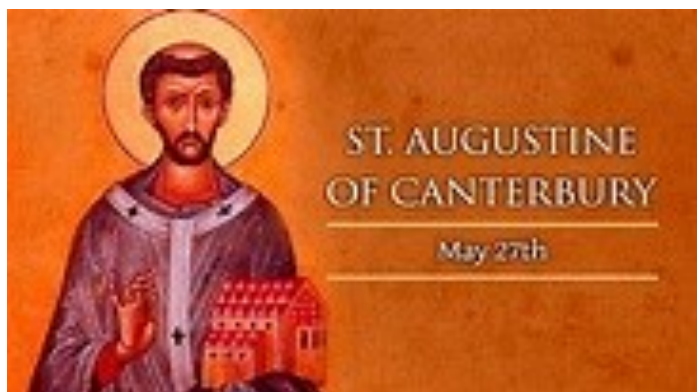
Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ *exists*. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace — something *like* it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can't actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest — but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don't, my thoughts get pretty loud.

And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds *me* and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world. ©LPi







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Our talented 1st Year and Middle School Band students, along with our amazing Honor Choir, put on a fantastic end-of-year concert! From powerful instruments to beautiful harmonies, the hard work and dedication of these young musicians truly shined.

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PURCHASE A CAR WASH USING THE QR CODE, AND 50% OF EACH WASH WILL GO TO PTAC!



Our Kindergarten students led a heartfelt Prayer Service, and they did an amazing job! Their sweet voices, sincere prayers, and reverent presence were a true reminder of the beauty of childlike faith.



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## Weekly Donations

**THE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT** for the weekend of May 17-18 was not available as of the printing of this bulletin. That information will be provided in the June 1 weekly bulletin.

## Stewardship

**THE CONCEPT OF HOSPITALITY** is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings.

To keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make the study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life. ©*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

### Prayer for Peace

***Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word.***

***Peace in our comings and goings,  
Peace that You are working and moving,  
Peace for what has happened, the places we find  
ourselves today, and in the future to come.  
Amen. ©LPi***

## Saint of the Week



**ST. PHILIP NERI | May 26:** St. Philip Neri (1515 – 1595) was born in Italy and went to school as a child at the Dominican monastery in Florence. His family had hopes that he would work with his uncle, a wealthy merchant, and ultimately inherit his business and fortune but, shortly after

beginning his work with him, Neri had a personal conversion. He decided to move to Rome to live a life of service.

For 13 years in Rome, Neri lived as a layperson, daily engaged in prayer and the apostolate. Even as a layperson he brought the Gospel of Jesus to everyone he met. He was eventually ordained to the priesthood and became known as a compassionate confessor, quick to disarm those around him with a joke or a kind word.

He is remembered as extremely approachable and jovial. He was kind, entertaining, and spontaneous in his approach which inspired many. He led prayer groups and excursions to visit other churches which often included music and picnics, and his council was sought by rich and poor alike. He was a strict vegetarian and was known to relocate animals and birds found inside the church back into the wild.

St. Philip Neri founded The Congregation of the Oratory. This secular order included priests and brothers and did not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a *bond of charity*. These men lived together in community and served those in need with happy hearts.

St. Philip Neri's ability to increase his fellow religious leader's faith coupled with his closeness with the common people in Rome cemented his reputation as the Apostle of Rome, called by God to evangelize the Holy City. His Congregation of the Oratory is still active today accomplishing the same mission. St. Philip Neri, pray for us! © LPi

## Prayer Corner

### *Parishioners in Need of Prayers*

Susan Baumgart	Carole Mitchell
ShaLane Cunningham	MaryAnn Nord
Elaine Jacobs	Rachel (Torgerson) Steckling
Pete Keller	

***Vatican's Prayer Intention: The Vatican asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. May's intention is for working conditions.***

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

## Knights of Columbus

The \$100 KC Calendar Raffle winner is Darryl Tveitbakk – May 11, 2025. Congratulations!



Moorhead KC Council #4463  
invites you to our annual  
charitable 4-person Golf Scramble at  
Village Green Golf Course in Moorhead, MN  
to benefit the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Registration at 8 am, 9 am Shotgun Start

Cost: \$320/team or \$80/person (cash, check or CC)  
Includes 18 holes with cart, drink chip, and lunch.  
Men and Women Welcome!

*Again this year:* A senior division where all 4 team  
members must be at least 60 years of age or older.

Lunch at the course follows the event. Non-golfers  
welcome for lunch—cost for lunch is \$10.00.



Hole sponsorships available for just \$100!

For entries:

email to [roersboh@gmail.com](mailto:roersboh@gmail.com)  
or call or text Bob @ 701-866-9086

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY**, Jesus says to us:  
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to  
you." **In the month of May, through your gifts,**  
the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love  
and care of Jesus to the poor assisting families by  
providing food and clothing, helping with utility and  
rent bills, etc. Thank You!

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas



**THE NEXT MEETING** will take place on June 10  
in The Gathering Place at St. Joseph's at 5:30  
p.m.

## Announcement

**TEAMS OF OUR LADY FOR YOUR MARRIAGE:** Are you  
interested in enriching your couple/marriage spirituality  
on a journey with other Catholic like-minded couples?  
The F-M Sector of Teams of Our Lady has been going  
strong for 19 years! Join us to learn more at our Spring  
Information Session!

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross in  
West Fargo. All couples wishing to join Teams are  
required to attend this session. Please mark your  
calendar as there won't be another meeting until next  
year! For more information you can email  
[fargosectorinformation@gmail.com](mailto:fargosectorinformation@gmail.com). For more  
information on TEAMS visit [www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org).



### Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Explained

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ's passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into his mother's embrace for comfort and strength as he contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27.

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